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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

The above-identified patent application is a continuation application of co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/196,790, filed on July 16, 2002, entitled "Highly Efficient Step-Down/Step-Up And Step-Up/Step-Down Charge Pump." Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.